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1. IN COOPERATION WITH ABBADESSA OF AGENCY STAFF, MISSION HAS DEVELOPED DRAFT PROPOSED LETTER TO AGENCY CONFIRMING THE CERTAIN UNDERSTANDINGS REACHED REGARDING FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUPPORT OF SUBJECT PROGRAM.

2. TEXT OF DRAFT LETTER IS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE I REFER TO THE U.S. SAFEGUARDS SUPPORT PROGRAM TO STRENGTHEN IAEA SAFEGUARDS, AS SET FORTH IN AN ERDA DOCUMENT OF DESCRIBED TASKS DATED MARCH 25, 1977, AND TO INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS HELD RECENTLY AT A MEETING BETWEEN YOURSELF AND MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL SAFEGUARDS PROJECT OFFICE AT BROOKHAVEN NATIONAL LABORATORY (BNL/ISPO), WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTING THE PROGRAM FOR THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.

QUOTE AT THE LATTER MEETING, TENTATIVE AGREEMENT WAS REACHED UNCLASSIFIED

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ON A NUMBER OF PROCEDURAL MATTERS THAT WERE DISCUSSED. WE WOULD NOW LIKE TO OBTAIN YOUR CONFIRMATION ON THE FOLLOWING UNDERSTANDINGS:
QUOTE 1. TASKS UNDER THE PROGRAM INVOLVING EXPENDITURE BY THE IAEA OF FUNDS CONTRIBUTED BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WOULD BE UNDERTAKEN ONLY PURSUANT TO A FORMAL EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN THE AGENCY AND THE U.S.

MISSION, WHICH, INTER ALIA, WOULD SPECIFY THE NATURE OF THE TASK TO BE IMPLEMENTED AND THE ESTIMATED COST INVOLVED.

QUOTE 2. BNL/ISPO WILL ARRANGE TO DEPOSIT AN INITIAL AMOUNT OF \$500,000 IN THE AENCY'S ACCOUNT AT BANKERS TRUST COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY, (ACCOUNT NO. 40-420-704), WHICH THE IAEA WILL EXPEND FOR AUTHORIZED PURPOSES UNDER THE PROGRAM, AS SPECIFIED IN THE SERIES OF EXCHANGES OF LETTERS REFERRED TO ABOVE. QUOTE 3. BNL/ISPO SHALL, FROM TIME TO TIME, DEPOSIT ADDITIONAL FUNDS IN THE AGENCY'S ACCOUNT AS TASKS UNDER THE PROGRAM ARE IMPLEMENTED, WITH A VIEW TO ENSURING THAT THE AGENCY WILL HAVE SUFFICIENT FUNDS AVAILABLE AT ALL TIMES TO COVER ITS CURRENT OBLIGATIONS AND EXPENDITURES UNDER THE PROGRAM.

QUOTE 4. ANY FUNDS DEPOSITED IN THE AGENCY'S ACCOUNT BY BNL/ISPO FOR THE PROGRAM WHICH REMAIN FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF THE TASKS OUTLINED IN THE ERDA DOCUMENT OF DESCRIBED TASKS DATED MARCH 25, 1977, MAY, UPON PRIOR WRITTEN AGREEMENT WITH THE MISSION (ACTING ON BEHALF OF ERDA), BE UTILIZED FOR ADDITIONAL TASKS EXPECTED TO BE IDENTIFIED WITHIN THE U.S. SAFEGUARDS SUPPORT PROGRAM IN FUTUR YEARSM ANY OF THOSE FUNDS NOT SO UTILIZED ARE THE PROPERTY OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND SHALL BE RETURNED TO THE U.S. ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION.

QUOTE 5. THE IAEA WILL MAINTAIN A SEPARATE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING FOR ACTIVITIES UNDER THE PROGRAM; AND, UNLESS UNCLASSIFIED

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OTHERWISE AGREED, THE IAEA WILL SUBMIT A MONTHLY REPORT TO BNL/ISPO (WITH A COPY TO THE U.S. MISSION) CONTAINING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: THE AMOUNTS FOR ALLOTMENTS, EXPENDITURES, UNLIQUIDATED OBLIGATIONS AND UNOBLIGATED BALANCES BROKEN DOWN BY INDIVIDUAL TASK. IN ADDITION, ACTIVITIES RELATING TO THIS PROGRAM WILL BE REPORTED IN THE PUBLISHED ANNUAL ACCOUNTS OF THE AGENCY WHICH ARE AUDITED BY THE AGENCY'S EXTERNAL AUDITOR. OUOTE 6. ANY TRAVEL BY U.S. NATIONALS OR AGENCY EMPLOYEES, ANY PART OF WHICH IS TO BE PAID FROM FUNDS PROVIDED BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT UNDER THE PROGRAM, SHALL, TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE, BE UNDERTAKEN ON AMERICAN FLAG CARRIERS. QUOTE WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR EARLY REPLY. UNQUOTE 3. RE MONTHLY REPORT REFERRED TO IN NUMBERED PARAGRAPH 5 OF LETTER, ABBADESSA STRONGLY PREFERS TO USE STANDARD AGENCY TERMINOLOGY ACCEPTED BY AGENCY'S EXTERNAL AUDITOR. IN ORDER TO FACILITATE BNL REVIEW OF LETTER, HOWEVER. ABBADESSA NOTES THAT, IN AGENCY'S TERMINOLOGY,

"ALLOTMENT" MEANS "AUTHORITY," AS COMMONLY UNDERSTOOD BY BNL. FURTHER, "EXPENDITURE" MEANS "CASH DISBURSEMENT," "UNLIQUIDATED OBLIGATIONS" MEANS "ACCOUNTS PAYABLE," AND "UNOBLIGATED BALANCES" MEANS "BALANCES." ABBADESSA ALSO POINTS OUT THAT CASH DISBURSEMENT PLUS ACCOUNTS PAYABLE EQUAL ACCRUED COSTS.

4. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER FOREGOING DRAFT TEXT IS ACCEPTABLE.STONE

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